

Minutes
The City of Frederick
Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Workshop

September 3, 2014
3:00 p.m.
City Hall Board Room

- I. Mayor Randy McClement called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present were Aldermen Kelly Russell, Michael O'Connor, and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak. Aldermen Philip Dacey and Joshua Bokee arrived at 3:05 p.m.
- II. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. The August 20, 2014 Workshop Minutes were approved on a motion by Alderman O'Connor which was seconded by Alderman Russell. Final vote for approval was 2-0-1.
- IV. The August 27, 2014 Workshop Minutes were approved 3-0 on a motion by Alderwoman Kuzemchak which was seconded by Alderman Russell.

IV. Workshop

Item 1: Richard Griffin, Director of Economic Development and Earl Robbins, Chair of the Downtown Hotel and Conference Center Advisory Committee presented the RFP 14J – Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center Award Recommendation. The Committee recommended Plamandon Hospitality Partners for the Award to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Earl Robbins read the names of the members of the Advisory Committee into the record as follows: Elizabeth Cromwell, John Fieseler, Kara Norman, Nikki Bamonti, Richard Griffin, Helen Proffiter, Bob McCutcheon, Peter Lambis, Amelia Lim.

Peter Lambis of Jones, Lang and LaSalle, also a member of the Advisory Committee provided comment.

David Bufter of Lidos Biomedical Research, Inc, representative from the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce Major Employers Group provided comment on the effect of a downtown hotel and conference center on major employers.

Amelia Lim of Jones, Lang and LaSalle provided information regarding the market's need for a full-service hotel in Downtown Frederick.

John Fieseler of the Tourism Council of Frederick County provided additional information on the federal lodging per diem rate.

Peter Plamandon, Jr. of Plamondon Hospitality Partners thanked the committee for the recommendation and conveyed his excitement about the opportunity.

Public comments were received as well as a written statement from Kevin Hluch.

Staff will work with the Purchasing Department to begin contract negotiations with Plamondon Hospitality Partners.

VI. Elected Officials' Comments

There were no comments.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren O'Malley
Recording Clerk